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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants submit the following statement consisting of:

- I. A list of patents (and attached Form PTO-1449).
- II. General Remarks.

A copy of each of the following listed documents is enclosed herewith.

**I. PATENTS**

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## **II. GENERAL REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that the above-listed patents and publications be given consideration by the Examiner and made of record in the subject patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, a list of documents is disclosed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Listed Documents are U.S. patents and are enclosed herewith.

No inferences should be drawn that the attached list represents a comprehensive investigation, or that any material disclosed is equivalent to, anticipates, or renders obvious the subject invention.

The cited documents disclose numerous specific features. There has been no attempt to list each and every feature disclosed by each document. The Examiner is requested to review the documents and determine the extent of the materiality of the document disclosures with respect to the present invention.

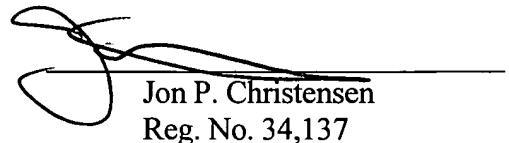
The citation of any documents herein is not to be construed as an admission that the art or document disclosure is necessarily within the invention field of endeavor, that the art or document disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that the art or document disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art as defined by the patent law with respect to the instant invention and application.

Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosures of the art and documents recited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application. The recitation herein of the art and document(s) is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence.

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